

The creation of a WorldWide trust in which nations would be able to obtain grants to address the needs of HIV/AIDS victims globally is truly needed.

We know that 60% of those that have died from AIDS are in sub-Saharan Africa.

An even more heart-wrenching statistic is that 13 million children have lost one or both of their parents to AIDS and this number is projected to reach 40 million by 2010.

AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa accounts for nearly half of all infectious disease deaths globally.

The percentage of the adult population infected with HIV or suffering from AIDS is alarming. To name a few: In Zimbabwe—25.9%; Botswana—25.1%; Namibia—19.4%; and South Africa—12.9%.

Additionally, in places like Namibia there has been a 44.5% drop in the life expectancy. Now adults in Namibia are only expected to live 38.9 years.

In Zimbabwe, the life expectancy is only 38.8 years and in Malawi, 34.8 years. Not since the bubonic plague of the Middle Ages, has there been a more devastating disease.

Yet, HIV/AIDS is 100% preventable. There is no reason for 2 million to die a year in Sub-Saharan Africa and 4 million to become infected.

The AIDS Marshall plan will help to ensure that the federal government commits to addressing the HIV/AIDS epidemic over the next several years.

The survival of Africa is at stake. The United States can and should be the leader in generating a global response to this incredible contagion.

Now is the time to act and I urge my colleagues to support this measure in its entirety.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF NATHAN J. NAHM ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 16, 2000*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, today I pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Nathan J. Nahm of Tiffin, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Mr. Speaker, Nathan's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2004. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertaking of their lives.

Nathan brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of West Point cadets. While attending Columbian High School in Tiffin, Nathan has attained a grade point average of 3.64, which

places him twenty-first in his class of two hundred sixty-nine students. Nathan is a member of the National Honor Society, Honor Roll, Who's Who Among American High School Students, and has earned several Scholar-Athlete awards.

Outside the classroom, Nathan has distinguished himself as an excellent student-athlete. On the fields of competition, Nathan has earned letters in Varsity Football and Basketball. Nathan was named Captain of the Tiffin Columbian Varsity Basketball team this year. Nathan has also been active in the Tiffin Columbian Boosters Club and the Technology Advisory Council.

West Point has become a home away from home for the Nahm family. With Nathan's appointment, he stands ready to walk the same path as his two older brothers, Blair and Reed, as a West Point cadet.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Nathan J. Nahm. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Nathan will do very well during his career at West Point and I wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 16, 2000*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably absent on a matter of critical importance and missed the following votes:

On H. Res. 491, naming a room in the House of Representative wing of the Capitol in honor of G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery, introduced by the Gentleman from Indiana, Mr. PEASE, I would have voted "yea."

On H.R. 4251, Congressional Oversight of Nuclear Transfers to North Korea Act of 2000, introduced by the gentleman from New York, Mr. GILMAN, I would have voted "nay."

On H. Con. Res. 309, sense of Congress with regard to in-school personal safety education programs for children, introduced by the gentleman from Delaware, Mr. CASTLE, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. HOWARD COBLE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 16, 2000*

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 10, and Thursday, May 11, I missed roll-call votes 160–179. On these dates, I was representing the Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property at the opening of the Diplomatic Conference on the Patent Law Treaty in Geneva, Switzerland. As Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, I believe congressional representation at this meeting was important, and I was honored to address the delegates of the conference.

COMMENDING THE ANN ARBOR HURON SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

**HON. LYNN N. RIVERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 16, 2000*

Ms. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, today I commend the Ann Arbor Huron High School Music Department for being named as a Grammy Award Signature School. Their hard work and commitment to excellence has made this achievement possible and it brings me great pleasure to have the opportunity to share this day with them.

As a former member of the Ann Arbor School Board, I know the special significance of such an achievement for a high school music program and I look forward to future accomplishments from the department.

RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HERRIN, IL

**HON. DAVID D. PHELPS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 16, 2000*

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize one of the towns in my district. On April 17, 2000, The City of Herrin marked the 100th Anniversary of its incorporation, and I thought it appropriate to acknowledge this city's great heritage of farming, coal mining, and industry. I would also like to commend the spirit of its citizens working together for a better community.

The City of Herrin gets its name from its first settler, Isaac Herring, a veteran of the War of 1812. Mr. Herring received a parcel of land, which became Herrin, as a land-grant for his service in the war. Mr. Herring later shortened his name, and that of the town, to Herrin.

Herrin was incorporated as a city in the election of April 17, 1900. At this time Herrin also elected its first mayor, Mr. C.E. Ingraham. Today Herrin is admirably served by Mayor Victor Ritter.

Herrin began as a farming community with cotton being the primary crop. It was later discovered that Herrin was surrounded by vast veins of bituminous coal. The coal helped Herrin to grow rapidly and to develop as a leading community in the region, attracting numerous immigrants seeking work in the coal mines. At one point, thirty coal mines operated within six miles of the city. The coal fields of Herrin were ripe for widespread union organization at this time.

Following World War II, Herrin's leaders and the Chamber of Commerce actively sought new industry for the community. Because of their efforts, Herrin is still one of the area's largest industrial cities, being home over the years to the Norge Division, Borg-Warner Corporation (now Maytag), Smoler Brothers, Inc., International Staple and Machine Company, Allen Industries, Container Stapling Corporation, Dura-Containers, Central Technology, Inc., and National Tape Corporation. Today Herrin continues providing business infrastructure and promoting even more industry, along with a better quality of life for its citizens.